

| INTERNAL TITLE 5 | | | VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT | | |
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| Announcement Number: | 2003-76 | Opening Date: | 5-09-2003 | Closing Date: | 06-02-2003 |
| Position/Position Number: | HEALTH TECHNICIAN, GS-640-8 (OPHTHALMOLOGY) #5559A | | Organizational Location: | SURGICAL SERVICE (OPHTHALMOLOGY SECTION), TEMPLE ICF | |
| Salary Range: | GS-8: \$35,252 - \$45,828 (INCLUDES 9.62% LOCALITY COMPARABILITY PAY) | | Area of Consideration: | CURRENT PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF CTVHCS | |
| Duties and Responsibilities: | | | | | |
| <p>The incumbent serves as the ophthalmic photographer for the Ophthalmology Section, Surgical Service, and Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS). Incumbent is responsible, under minimal supervision, for performing various diagnostic studies which are recorded as photographs on film or as digitized images recorded electronically for display on the computer system at CTVHCS. Ocular fundus fluoresceine angiography and indocyanine green angiography are the primary duties of the incumbent. Since the images produced during these procedures are critical to the correct diagnosis and treatment of potentially blinding ocular illness the incumbent must be able to produce images of impeccable quality. Other products and services include slit lamp photography, still photography, photographic slides and multimedia packages for presentation. Graphics for presentation, construction of visual displays such as posters and recording of audio presentation are also within the sphere of the incumbent's responsibilities. Since the incumbent will be responsible for producing images of sufficient quality to be used as adjuncts for state of the art diagnosis and direct treatment, the physician charged with diagnosing and treating of these vision and life threatening conditions must have the ultimate control of the incumbent during the production of these images. This includes direction in areas to be photographed, timing and sequencing of the photos. Other supervision for all duties not directly involving the capture of diagnostic images is matrix in which the Clinical Operations Coordinator, the Lead Health Technician and the Chief of Ophthalmology collaborate to effectively supervise, manage, guide, direct, and evaluate the incumbent in work activities. Under minimal supervision, utilizes digital and film fundus cameras to capture and store a variety of fundus lesions on film or electronic media. Considers the parameters of the cameras both from the point of view of its photographic characteristics and the requirement the finished product must meet. Determine the process and techniques of patient management and composition of the photographs required to produce optimal photographs to be used in diagnosis and treatment of patients. Produce computer overlays of fundus photograph and color fundus photographs. Takes directions from and coordinates with the ophthalmologist as to type and number of images desired, catalogs and archives the finished images as required for rapid retrieval will be required. Ensures life cycle management to products, including maintenance and repair of equipment. Performs monthly operator preventive maintenance and schedules required vendor maintenance. Coordinates repairs and with Biomedical Section, Facilities Management Service. Certification by Ophthalmic Photographers Society as a Certified Retinal Angiographer is the most desirable candidate.</p> | | | | | |
| Qualification Requirements: | | | | | |
| <p>Qualifications are derived from the Office of Personnel Management Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Technical and Medical Support Positions, available in Human Resources Management Service (HRMS). At the GS-8 level, must have at least one year of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-7. Specialized experience is experience, which is directly related to the position to be filled, and which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position.</p> | | | | | |
| Rating and Ranking: | | | | | |
| <p>Qualified candidates will be rated and ranked on the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of complicated ophthalmology equipment to maintain and problem solve technical, optical, and mechanical problems. Knowledge of the processes and techniques of diagnostic fluorescein angiograms allowing for continual improvement to maintain the highest quality images. Ability to record clinical photographs of ocular fundus for diagnostic purposes and documentation of pathology. Knowledge of various eye diseases in order to recognize the structures and pathology that is being scanned or photographed in order to achieve successful results. Ability to communicate orally and in writing with people from various backgrounds and with various levels of understanding. | | | | | |
| How to apply: | | | | | |
| <p>Permanent employees who wish to be considered for this position must obtain necessary forms through the internet address: http://www.texvet.com/HRMS/forms.htm. VA FORM 5-4078 MUST BE RECEIVED IN HRMS, TEMPLE, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON CLOSING DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. VA FORMS 5-4676A AND 5-4667B MUST BE RECEIVED WITH SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. Attachments other than those required will be destroyed. Refer all questions to Robert Rodriguez, Jr., Human Resource Specialist, extension 39-5019</p> | | | | | |
| NOTE: This is a DESIGNATED RANDOM DRUG Testing position. SELECTEE will be subjected to random drug tests. | | | | | |
| Official Personnel Folder (OPF) Update: It is your responsibility to assure that your Official Personnel Folder (OPF) is current and shows all work experience and credentials prior to the closing date of the announcement. | | | | | |
| NOTE: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting accommodation will be on a case-to-case basis. Please refer any questions to the specialist listed above. | | | | | |
| THIS IS A BARGAINING UNIT POSITION. | | | | | |
| CTVHCS IS A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT. | | | | | |
| IF PATIENT NEEDS ARISE, THE INCUMBENT OF THE ABOVE POSITION MAY BE REASSIGNED TO THE WACO OR MARLIN OR TEMPLE INTEGRATED CLINICAL FACILITY WITHIN THE CENTRAL TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. | | | | | |
| EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ACTIONS TO FILL THIS POSITION WILL NOT BE BASED ON DISCRIMINATORY FACTORS, WHICH ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW. | | | | | |